

# MEMORIAL

TO THE

## HON. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

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*Gentlemen of the Senate  
and House of Delegates:*

THE subject to which your memorialist solicits your candid attention, and on which she urges early and effective legislation, embraces from more than one point of view, the civil and social interests of the State of Maryland; reaching through every community, and penetrating the seclusion of every family.

This proposition, facts, not opinions, must demonstrate.

Your memorialist presents the claims of that portion of a large, and fast increasing class for which appropriate care and protection are not now secured: she asks of Maryland, what she has not yet provided—a State Hospital which shall supply full remedial treatment for the Insane.

This question, with ever strengthening and uncompromising force, acquires, day by day, and year by year, weight and urgency, and now presents a phase so strongly defined, that no eye can be blind to the significance of the sign it exhibits, and no sound mind or humane heart, can be at fault in determining the course which a just legislation must pursue, consulting alike the rights and the necessities of individuals, and guarding the financial interests of the State.

Gentlemen, your memorialist is compelled to deal with severe facts, whose sharp outlines may not be softened by the graces of studied phrases and polished periods. With your permission she respectfully, but plainly and earnestly, brings to your knowledge, records gathered through cautious inquiry, and established by patient investigation. She asks your honest and deliberate examination of the statements and tables, which, without an elaborate preamble, are now presented, and urges impartial and fair discussion of the true merits of the cause she advocates, and which you alone, in your capacity as legislators, have authority to sustain; and she believes, humanity and justice to conduct to a successful issue.

There are but two institutions in the State of Maryland in which insane patients are brought under curative treatment; and but one, exclusively devoted to the reception of this class. Nei-